



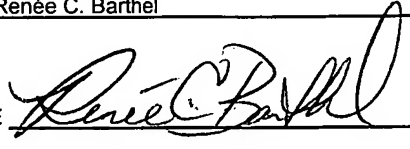
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Response to Office Action dated February 11, 2004

This is in response to the Office Action of February 11, 2004. Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application of which claim 1 is independent. In the Office Action, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, but were not rejected on any other grounds. For the reasons set forth below, applicant respectfully requests re-examination and allowance of the claims.